

**AASB Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2024
Report For
April 30, 2024 NWABSD Board
Meeting**

Since the NWABSD board meeting March 7-8, 2024, the AASB held a March 4, 2024 Executive Committee meeting to approve the sole-source contract with Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) as part of implementing the Full-Service Community Schools Grant. SHI will provide the Baby Raven Reads Program which includes literacy kits of books and activity supplies for the kindergarten transition family events for \$120,000

March 20, 2024 the Executive Committee met to discuss and approve the application for a Congressional Direct Spending Grant for Statewide Youth Leadership Development for \$1.3 million for two years through Senator Lisa Murkowski and Rep. Mary Peltola. Funding will include AASB staff time, statewide student travel, student and student mentor regional travel and funding directly to districts/organizations that have youth and youth mentors participation (four districts). Partners to be determined with possible regions might include Northwest Arctic, Lower Yukon, Southeast Alaska and Interior or Southcentral.

ASAA Bylaw Amendment, Article 12 Section 9 Transfer/Residency Rule and wondering what our Superintendent/Principals supports. And what has been presented at the Student Activities Committee from Student Activities Coordinator, Brett Slaathaug on the proposed ASAA Bylaw amendment.

Planning for the 2024 Annual Conference has begun which is scheduled for November 7-10 at Anchorage Hilton. Based on the feedback from the 2023 participants, a theme, topics ideas captured from the conference evaluations such as School law, Alaska Reads Act, Funding Formula, more BSA basics, etc. An update will be presented at the July board meeting.

Other board items of discussion included the Executive Director Evaluation, Board Self-Assessment, summer meeting logistics, beginning discussions on student representative on the BOD and very happy to report AASB received 127 completed JNMS applications from 30 school districts versus 83 received in 2023.

Finally, the AASB will be holding their July 19-21 board meeting in Kotzebue. Arriving Thursday July 18. Departing Sunday afternoon, July 21st. Board members will be staying at the dorm, meeting location can be either in the board room or ATC. I am assuming Timi Tullis is working with staff to finalize the meeting logistics, transportation and hopefully some evening activities including a dinner.

Quyanaq. It is a privilege to represent our district on the AASB board.